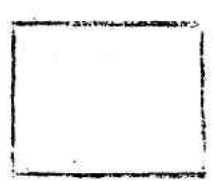
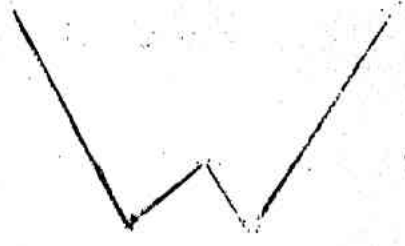


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Inside:  
Much Guff.

The opinions expressed in these pages are not necessarily those of the S.R.C. or its officers.

They are not necessarily those of the academic staff, either.

They are not necessarily those of the Editor.

They are not necessary.

All you need to know about the editor is that his name is Dennis Edwards, that he takes full responsibility for the views in this paper, and that he is anxious to hear from you.

The remainder of the non-existent staff wishes to remain anonymous till the "all-clear" blows.

EDITORIAL.

THE EDITORIAL POLICY.

"Owing to unprecedented public acclaim" I have been asked to outline the policy of the editorial staff. Here goes:

Our general aim is to make Woroni more lively, more interesting and more readable than it has been.

To do this we will attempt to attract far more Contributions from the student body than previous editors have done. Woroni is not, and should not become, the private toy of the editor. It should like up to its title and become the "mouthpiece" of the students. Our ideal is to have the newspaper written entirely by spontaneous and genuine student contributors; the editor would then become an organiser and not a writing machine.

The basis of Woroni will be broadened. Not only will we try to have it written for us by those who pay for it and for whom it is published - the student body - but also we will try to avoid making it a mere chronicle of events. New features will be introduced in an attempt to bury the former programme-look.

For a start we will be asking specifically for articles dealing with :

- (1) the administration and government of the College;
- (2) the efficiency of the academic staff;
- (3) facilities for students;
- (4) general matters "of a literary nature";
- (5) anything else we think of as we go along.

It should be made clear that we are trying to begin with an open mind. We have no axe to grind, and will do our utmost to sink personal prejudice.

At the same time we will not be afraid to criticise if we feel criticism necessary. Our aim is to be constructive if possible; if we cannot make positive suggestions we will expose the faults for someone who can. We will give praise where we think it is deserved, but have no intention of covering up deficiencies.

We respect opinions rather than the opinionated; and though we may have considerable admiration for those in responsible positions we are not going to bow to authority simply because it is authority.

In all matters, as we have said, we will try to be calm and co-operative while making enquiries.

Only the lazy and inefficient need fear our voice. For the rest there is commendation, not silence.

We aim to represent student opinion by our editorials and to give students every opportunity to express their views in the pages of Woroni.

The editor wants to be swamped by letters and articles, but reserves the right not to publish the libellous, the doubtful and the obscene.

We are not rooting for any political party or creed, we represent no faction.

Everyone has the right to have a hearing in Woroni. There are to be very few restrictions on the liberty of the editor; he extends the same freedom (and more if he can) to you.

The academic staff is invited to comment on articles in Woroni, and a statement of their views will be published, on the understanding that should there at any time be a shortage of space the editor will always accept material submitted by students before that sent in by staff.

Signed articles will always take precedence over unsigned.

Finally, we are not setting up shop as a rival to the S.R.C. The S.R.C. has its work, we have ours. It is to be hoped that where there is an overlap we shall meet as fellow-slaves, not as toreador and the bull.

Which leads to the question, when are you going to write to us?

Yours in love and war,

\_\_\_\_\_ Editorial Staff.

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The tennis club put up some splendid advertisements for their tournament (postponed), then ruined their chances by charging an entry fee. They should have known people lose interest in an ad. that carries a price.

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General opinion is that the Revue should become an annual event. How about it, C.U.D.S. and S.R.C.?

"The most unkindest cut of all" came from the gent who said it was "the best publicity the College could have". The editor will give a jelly bean for the head of this infidel. Nevertheless, it's quite true.

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Oh, what a night - which night you say? The night of the ball. No one recognised the College Hall under its disguise of shrubs, streamers and clusters of balloons. But it was, and the College was on a spree. Strange, how when people are in a mood to enjoy themselves they enjoy themselves - but no doubt several cases of champagne and quantities of lesser liquors helped.

Everything went without a hitch. The two bands played foxtrots and sambas; the waiters, with an elegance acquired at Parliament House, served drinks; and the supper was all that was promised.

Two o'clock swung closer, and the hall was transformed - the balloons and streamers were souvenired, one of the ringleaders of the demolition party being that prominent man on the Sports Council -- but we won't tell who.

Congratulations to the organisers, the College and the hard-working, retiring S.R.C. The ball was a fitting climax to this year's work. But - why didn't more people come?

"Balloon-Blower".

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All contributors are promised a pass in Theoretical Theology. You can address material to the Editor and leave it in the Common Room.

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A mighty crowd of five attended the annual general meeting of the Sports Union last Tuesday. Must be a story here, so why don't you write it for us?

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#### LITERARY COMPETITION.

Our congratulations to John Carroll for winning the literary competition.

In judging the poetry and verse submitted Professor Hope, who generously donated five guineas towards the prize money, listed the "better" works in order :

1. Caerissime' : "He saw her Home".
2. C.S. Mackay : "Poetry".
3. Binbo : "Life drools on".
4. Caerissime' : "And to the Son".
5. S.J. Collet : "Millenium".
6. Lloyd Wilson : "Partnership".
7. Caerissime' :

Translated into understandable English this means placings went to :

1. J.L. Carroll
2. C.S. Mackay.
3. D.G. Edwards
4. J.L. Carroll.
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6. D.G. Edwards
7. J.L. Carroll.

The S.R.C. has decided to award John Carroll £2.2.0 for winning the poetry section, and an additional £4.4.0 for submitting the most satisfying work in the competition. Dennis Edwards will receive £2.2.0 for his short story-cum-play, while C.S. Mackay earns £1.1.0 as runner-up in the poetry section.

The winning poem will be printed next issue.

"Wordsworth and Coleridge wrote great poetry, but they also wrote the most frightful bilge ...." Says Prof. Hope.

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Woroni has been asked to find a student (female variety) interested in corresponding with a graduate of one of the Indian Universities. The name and address :

Mr. C. Gnanaolivu,  
C/- A. & F. Harvey Ltd.,  
Post Office Box No. 73,  
Madurai,  
South India.

If you think you may be interested, please call on the editor, who has Mr. Gnanaolivu's letter.

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In view of the fact that the person concerned is no longer in Canberra, and is, therefore, unable to answer criticism appearing in the first issue of Woroni, we regret having mentioned the name of a tutor in Modern History.

We apologise for any misunderstandings that may have arisen from the article.

Public discussion of this matter in Woroni is now closed.

\_\_\_\_ Editor.

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#### THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.

The College deserves warm praise for this year's Ceremony of Conferring Degrees, held in the College Hall on Friday 15th April.

Perhaps the most important function in the academic year, this annual ceremony entails considerable organisation and selection if it is to run smoothly and be satisfying.

This year the organisation appeared to be perfect. Through no fault of the College the procession was a few minutes late in starting, but from then till supper 1½ hours later everything flowed swiftly and surely.

The changeovers from speaker to speaker and the awarding of degrees, diplomas and prizes were made with confidence and certainty.

The line-up of speakers was the best this writer has seen. Speeches were short and interesting. They were well-balanced, contained an agreeable mixture of meat and miscellany, and never dragged.

The night was topped off by a very good supper.

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Perhaps next year a little more time could be found for the winner of the Robin Tillyard Memorial Medal. On Friday this medal was awarded in the same breath as the Economics Society Prize, and with the same emphasis as the George Knowles Memorial Prize, but it ranks higher than either of these. It is the highest award any student of the College can obtain from this institution and should, we feel, be mentioned separately.

True the official programme tells us that the medal is awarded to "the student completing a degree or diploma whose work and personal qualities have, in the opinion of the Council, been outstanding". It seems fitting, though, to mention this in the actual ceremony (as it was for John Edwards last year) and in exceptional cases to outline briefly the activities of the winning student.

This year's winner was a case in point. Maris King, one feels, has been one of the best students ever to take a degree from the College. Maris has an academic record she may well be proud of in any company. Top of Melbourne University with first class honours in Economics A, B and C; high placings in the honours lists for Economic History I. and II. were supplemented by further honours in Statistical Method and Psychology I. and passes in French I. and two years of Philosophy. Maris did not attempt honours in the last three, so that her wonderful record of seven honours out of ten subjects for her Arts degree is even better than it appears!

But there is more to her story than this. A part-timer for all but the final year of her course, Maris was for two years President of the S.R.C. Largely because of her enthusiasm and ability the S.R.C. of 1952/3 and 1953/4 was able to lay a solid foundation for the 1954/5 Executive, of which she was Vice-President.

Maris' well-deserved success has left her confident of her powers, but by no means over-confident. She is as modest today as she was when first climbing the stairs in Melbourne buildings.

Maris is a worthy Robin Tillyard medallist. One feels the College let slip an opportunity to give Canberra citizens a glimpse of her outstanding record.

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Is it barking at the moon to suggest that the names of those receiving degrees in absentia be read out during the ceremony? Not only is the present conferring a little bald without them owing to the rather few graduands we have, but it also seems to me that they have earned a place in the roll call as well as in the programme.

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Some regarded the opening speech by Council Chairman Dr. Dickson, as longwinded, dry and doddering. This reviewer begs to differ, however. In his opinion the Chairman's speech was well planned and well delivered. Admittedly Doc took ten minutes to welcome the more important members of the gathering (audience included H.V. Evatt, and C.S. Daley, last of the original 1929 Council still in office), but I don't see how he could reasonably have cut this time down a great deal without appearing indifferent. Speaking quickly and fluently, Dr. Dickson outlined plans for future expansion. Major matters before Council are an extension and consolidation of existing departments, particularly Oriental Languages and Modern Languages; establishment of Chairs of Mathematics, Philosophy, Law and Psychology. It was particularly encouraging to hear that "a faculty of Arts and a faculty of Science are basic to any University" and more, that Council is giving "earnest consideration" to the organisation of a Science faculty. Let's hope the dream takes form quickly. The Council considers the immediate growth of the full-time body a pressing need. In the Chairman's words, Council is planning for "the greatest possible increase in the number of full-time students". And so say all of us. Since its foundation in 1929 the College has conferred 229 degrees and diplomas, but is not yet a real university. Present Council schemes could well make it one.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies spoke for seventeen minutes, during which he delivered one of the most witty and stimulating speeches ever to have been heard in the College Hall. This "temporary incumbent of a highly temporary position", as he described himself, captured the gathering from the moment he removed his bonnet to speak. After recalling the "superb and memorable", "terrible and tragic" day he was presented to Winston Churchill for a degree in Bristol a few hours after a bombing raid, the Prime Minister reviewed the functions of a University. Universities, he said, should not provide a licence to practise some art; they should provide a "training for civilised life". An undergraduate at Melbourne at much the same time as Mr. Justice Dean, Mr. Menzies remarked that "this tortured century has not suffered from want of skill but from want of human understanding". Passing from this vein to a man who "embodied everything" he had been saying about understanding and service, Mr. Menzies gave a sincere appreciation of Sir Robert Garran, "this generous and contributing citizen, this great man..." Moving to unveil the portrait of Sir Robert, he turned to him and bowing humbly addressed the "founder of the

College" in these words: "In all my experience I know of no more inspiring life and example than you have shown."

Deeply appreciative of the honour bestowed on him, Sir Robert rose to speak amid deafening and spontaneous applause. With the genuine modesty that has remained a feature of his remarkable character, Sir Robert stressed that the achievements of organisations with which he has been associated were the result of teamwork. He expressed a regret that the newly-unveiled portrait could not have been of the team as a whole instead of only "the captain".

Sir Robert said the urgent need of the College is a hall of residence. He gave his view that those connected with the College have reason to be proud of its progress to date. For the future, he indicated a personal preference for the College to become a teaching department of the A.N.U. Students, he felt, would benefit from contact with a research institution, while those engaged in research would find advantages in having undergraduate company. He insisted, however, that the work of research be allowed to continue unhindered.

"Canberra holds Sir Robert as a trustee in perpetuity for the whole of the Commonwealth of Australia", declared Mr. Justice Dean, Chancellor of the University of Melbourne. In a good, solid address the Chancellor pointed out that the first lecture in Melbourne University was delivered on 13th April, 1855, just one hundred years ago, and that the first Vice-Chancellor was Hugh Childers. So that if we hadn't had a fire we would have missed another link with our parent institution! Repeating some of the "eloquent speech of the Prime Minister", the Chancellor ended with a word to the new graduates on the theme that "taking the degree is only a beginning...." A degree, he said, should be a stepping-stone to further knowledge and to service of the community.

This theme was taken up and developed further by the last speaker, Governor-General Sir William Slim. His Excellency offered his congratulations to the graduates and complimented them on their "commendable self-discipline", adding the rider that "I suspect a sprig or two of your academic laurels should bedeck your wives". He urged graduates to be proud, rather than vain of their degrees. "Character", he said "is more important than knowledge", and "how you use your knowledge is far more important than how great your knowledge is". The Governor-General's short and interesting address ended with the wise counsel that "a degree is not a winning post, it is a signpost; it points to service of your fellow-citizens and your country".

An undergrad, this reviewer left the ceremony determined to knuckle down to study immediately. Which is as it should be.

— Gaudeamus

S.R.C. RETIRES IN TRIUMPH.

Conscientious types, bless 'em all. They didn't have a February meeting, but blow me down if they didn't make up for it only one week before they vanished from human ken.

Amid the Revue performances this fine Labour team found time for a ten hour non-stop S.R.C. meeting!

Yes, after barricading themselves in against possible police raids, they sat down for to fake the financial statement and rig the elections.

So successful were they that the former Treasurer has now become our new President! Still, why should we worry; John's reliable even if he was prevented from changing his name six times while an undergraduate.

We won't stretch this into a doctorial thesis. We only want to say that those who are "in the know" wish to thank the retiring S.R.C. for all they have done for us since their election thirteen months ago.

The success of the Ball and the Revue, the final public work in their term of office, was well deserved.

To those who are giving the game away, our thanks and best wishes.

To those who still haven't had enough, our thanks, best wishes and commiserations.

To the office bearers in particular, and to all in general, one of Puck's wappledoffing wvedsights.

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The Student Body.  
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Have you lost your false teeth or your fountain pen? Do you want to buy a wheelbarrow or a rocking chair? Ads. accepted by the editor, for no charge or reason at all. Lib and nauseum a speciality.  
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STUDENTS LIVES ENDANGERED.

If you hear of Bruce Hope's execution you'll know the Doc Evatt has been on the warpath again. But this is unlikely, for Bert was one of the 800-odd who laughed their heads off at this take-off in the Revue. Surprising Canberra and themselves as well, students staged a first-class show that brought continual laughter and applause from appreciative audiences. For three nights "the worthy public servants" and other oddities of this fair city were treated to a Revue the College can justly be proud of. John Carroll as Harold White; Tim Ellis and Barbara Minto as visiting Americans; George Cobham as Prof. Burton; Lloyd Melhuish as Petrov; John Edwards as Artie Fadden, backed by other notorious members of the student body did a darn good job. So successful was the Revue that on the second night a tape recording was taken for the College archives. The Principal was most enthusiastic, and general clamour is now directed towards making the Revue an annual event. For this show credit is due to the S.R.C. and C.U.D.S. as a whole, and to Maris King, John Carroll and a somewhat temperamental producer Stan Phippard, in particular. Apart from a few blues on the final night, the production from the fantastic programme to the final chorus of "Everythings up to Date in Canberra City", was highly satisfactory and encouraging.

But Kent Hughes would not allow it.

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Strawberry.  
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There is still time to write that letter about stoves and cafeterias. We haven't been able to find a niche for our views in this issue, so they will most likely be in the next Woroni.

Also next time, the report of the Annual General Meeting and assorted blurb, from assorted people. Why not be in it? Its your newspaper.

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Copy for next Woroni closes Wednesday, 4th May.

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THIS SPACE IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO STUDENT APATHY.

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Undoubtedly, comment at the ceremony arose most widely from Dr. Kramer's beautiful gowning and Professor Bielenstein's topper.

For sheer devilry we wouldn't go past S.R.C. President Carroll standing back to back with the National Library. Quite unknowingly Mr. White was giving some glorious hints for the Revue.

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Bejabbers I did. Saw a citizen sitting on a case outside T.A.A. busily reading the last Woroni. Wish he'd write to us.

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The Editor of Woroni has, after much haggling, come to some sort of agreement with the incoming S.R.C. as to his rights and duties. We have been asked to give our views on his statement of editorial policy, announced with a flourish of trumpets elsewhere in this issue, and, since he has written most of the statement for us, we are happy to oblige him.

Four stipulations which he has made before taking on the editorship are :-

- (i) The S.R.C. will meet all payments made towards production of Woroni.
- (ii) If, as it can at any time, the S.R.C. sacks the Editor, it will state adequate reasons in Woroni and give him a chance to explain his case.
- (iii) There is to be no censorship or sub-editing - the Editor may print whatever he likes.
- (iv) The Editor can resign on three weeks notice.

Point (iv) we concede; Point (i) also, provided no addition to the normal cost of Woroni is made without our permission. Nude cover girls might be very nice; the S.R.C. is not prepared to guarantee the cost of printing them in glorious technicolor. Point (ii) is reasonable; we are prepared to allow at least two pages in the next Woroni to the ex-Editor and will call a General Meeting of the Association to discuss his sacking if he wants one. Whether he can outvote the S.R.C. when it is held is an entirely different proposition, but we will state a reasonable case in Woroni and at the meeting.

As the Editor is legally liable for anything he publishes, Point (iii) is not as bad as it sounds, and it seems hard to envisage a really independent Woroni without such an arrangement. We would, however, like the Editor to submit controversial matter to us before publication, so that we may comment or reply in the same issue if we think it necessary. This is important because Woroni has long since been viewed as the mouthpiece not of the student body, but of the S.R.C., and there is a risk of people taking Woroni's views as those of the S.R.C. unless we make our position clear. We do not intend to make such comment more often than necessary, as it will probably delay publication.

Other points in the agreement are that the Editor accepts full responsibility for all he publishes (although the S.R.C. will in fact stand by him if he gets into hot water over stuff we ask him to print), and that a statement to this effect appears in each issue, together with the Editor's name; that issues appear fortnightly as far as possible for the first two terms (we would like a couple in third term as well); that all material submitted by the S.R.C. be printed, and printed as written; and that, failing resignation (voluntary or compulsory) the Editor shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. We tell you these things not because they are in any way of interest but to help fill out our article.

Our remarks on the editorial policy he has outlined amount to a full endorsement of it, but this is by no means intended as an endorsement of the things he may write in conformity with it.

An S.R.C. - published Woroni has to be responsible and ends up by being stuffy; an independent Woroni is able to gallop off in all directions, a feat which is interesting to watch and which, at least occasionally, leads to the attainment of some useful objective.

To avoid possible difficulty if the academic or administrative staff were to become involved in controversy in Woroni, we would suggest to the Editor that he publicize non-student feeling on various matters by reports of interviews (preferably submitted to the interviewees before publication) rather than by publication of letters. We have found the College authorities most co-operative when approached with a reasonable case, and do not wish to publicize minor difficulties through long correspondence when they can be cleared up in a few minutes conversation. We feel that by the method we suggest the College will be able to express its opinions or remark on those of the student body without having to descend to what could conceivably become slanging matches with individual students.

Finally we wish the Editor all the best in his new appointment, thank him for having got out his first three issues, and look forward to a happy and useful partnership for the rest of the year's issues. We know he is going to liven up Woroni for you, and we hope not all his wild goose chases will end in mares' nests.

JOHN L. CARROLL, PRESIDENT, S.R.C.

EDITORIAL (Smiling face division).

OUR NEW S.R.C.

This year it was not necessary to elect an S.R.C. By a happy coincidence the number of nominations was just sufficient to fill all vacant positions, no more and no less.

To some this may appear strange. Those who are used to elections in bigger universities will no doubt be surprised to learn that they won't have their ears bashed by aspiring candidates; they won't have to avoid characters asking them to place a slip in the ballot box.

But those of us who have been here a while have reason to be optimistic about the present arrangement. For the first time in years we haven't had to pressgang people into running for the S.R.C.

Last year anyone who went to the annual general meeting was nominated, so few were there willing to stand. You were stood over and attacked without mercy till you submitted, or else you died cursing fate. But this year things are different!

My word they are, for this year we have an S.R.C. who have all volunteered. No arm twisting, no nothing. Nine people who have stepped forward to declare their willingness - no, eagerness - to help in any way they can to introduce an esprit de corps, to represent our interests, to organise functions for us.

Woroni congratulates them all on their election, wishes them all the best in their endeavours, and pledges its support (for a time, anyway). Here they are, the people who are going to spend our money :

President : John Carroll.  
Vice-President : Wendy Cromer.  
Secretary : Tim Ellis  
Asst. Secretary : Bill Thorn.  
Treasurer : Ian Alexander.  
Council Members : Chris Penders, Rick Mason, John Robinson, L.H. Dalton.

There is a fair balance of youth and age, although one would have liked to see a few more mature faces appearing.

Some maturity is provided by the three graduates, Messrs. Carroll, Thorne and Dalton, while of the undergrads Tim Ellis and Chris Penders have had previous S.R.C. experience.

The four full timers are waiting to cut their S.R.C. teeth while the five part timers will want to cut their throats. It should be a happy year.

The new President is John (L) Carroll. Treasurer last year, Puck has decided to save what is left of his reputation by going even higher. Has an Arts Degree but should nevertheless be a good President; he has a precedent to follow. John is now being studied at the School of Psychology for in private he has confessed his ambition to be Queen of the May. Drinks only whisky and fills in a few weeks each year swatting for B. Com. The L stands for Lemonhead.

Vice President is Wendy Cromer who represents the full-timers, of which august body she is a member. Now in her second year for an Arts degree, Wendy thinks it is disgraceful that no one asked her to sing at the Commencement Ceremony. A scholarship, an independent mind and a sense of humour keep her happy and talking most of the time. Despite the President's success in the literary competition, she has so far refused to honour her pledge to marry him.

Secretary, Tim Ellis is another who has saddled up for a further term of office. Carries Revues and beer glasses with considerable skill. This year chasing an Arts degree full time, Tim disapproves of likerous eyes.

Tim will be backed up by the Assistant Secretary, Bill Thorn, whose eccentricity may be the result of living at Brassey with the five mad Englishmen from the A.N.U. Bill has a Commerce degree and works with Harold.

Ian Alexander is our new Treasurer. A local yokel educated at "Jones Moans" Ian is financing the second year of a Law degree by scholarship. Should make a good purse-minder if firmly sat upon.

Of the council members Chris Penders was born and educated in Holland. A past S.R.C. member, Chris is also an office-bearer in the Newman Society. The end of his B.A. course is in sight.

Rick Mason is a full timer who burns around on a motor-bike. He should liven up dull meetings. A Commerce fresher.

John Robinson represents the non-faculty students, who are asked to ambush him regularly. Is a house-builder in his spare time.

So far all we know of newcomer L.H. Dalton is that he holds a Commerce degree and is married.

So there we are. They are your reps. and want to help you. If there is anything you'd like them to do, don't hesitate to contact them. You can usually find one or more of them in the Students Common Room (J1818). Or ring the President at F03 or the Secretary at J2638.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,

Your criticism of the History Department ("Woroni", 6.4.55) was, I think, in extremely bad taste.

Rather than damning the Department on the petty complaints of a few students, you might have commended the regular lecturer in British History for going to the trouble of finding a person to take his place during his enforced absence. I do not wish to fall into the same habits of your staff, Mr. Editor, but I am bound to point out that on many other similar occasions, lectures have been completely abandoned without prior notice, the students having made the journey to the College quite unnecessarily.

I must add that, concerning Miss Thompson, I thoroughly agree with you, Mr. Editor, when you say it is of little use to 'sling mud' now. It is questionable whether you have any right to sling mud then or now. Miss Thompson has good academic qualifications to tutor in History. That you, Sir, thought her unqualified, is of little matter. Those who appoint the academic staff are surely the best judges of such a matter. If every student was given a say on which member of the academic staff, regardless of their academic qualifications, was a good or a bad lecturer or tutor, would we be left with any Professors, lecturers or tutors?

We like to find some good healthy criticism in our student paper, but I for one cannot commend the petty mud slinging found in the first issue for 1955.

Yours faithfully,

"Disgusted".

Sir,

A couple of smiles at the S.R.C. in your first issue deserve an answer, which find herewith. Admittedly there was no February meeting; one good reason was that with the Secretary out of town it was (under the Constitution) impossible to call one; another better reason was that, with the President and two members also away, and the Vice-President ill, a quorum was almost impossible even if a meeting had been called.

Setting aside anything in the Constitution, it is true that wherever two or three of us are gathered together, there is an S.R.C. meeting, and the affairs of the Association were given some attention during February, even if the proper forms were not complied with.

As for the £40 (now £20) of Book Exchange money which I am holding, its owners may rest assured that it has not been allowed to lie idle. They can obtain it (if at all) by applying at the Book Exchange whenever anyone is in attendance, which is on most week-days and on Saturday mornings (10.30 to 12).

Trusting this leaves your readers a little happier, I remain,

Yours irresponsibly,

JOHN L. CARROLL.

(The above letter was written when Puck was Treasurer of the S.R.C. He no longer is. Rumour has it that he lives near the Hotel Civic, and that your £20 book money is in danger. If you have money to collect from the sale of books, grab him. Just watch you don't mistake Mr. White for John, though. Mr. White has none of our money -- Ed)

Sir,

May I comment on the Editorial, and Miss Wendy Cromer's letter in the last issue of Woroni, concerning full-time students' lecture hours.

I feel that the full-timers are exaggerating their misfortunes and failing to count their blessings. How fortunate they are that there are facilities in Canberra for University education, where they can live at home instead of having to put up with less comfortable conditions in another city! And if the University which they are able to attend caters primarily for part-time students, who number approximately 96% of the student enrolment, aren't the full-timers prepared to fit in with the existing arrangements and attend their lectures at the hours most suitable to both staff and students?

Every student - even the part-timer - finds his timetable inconvenient in some respects. For instance, when I was having a particularly busy time at work and unable to get off at 4 p.m. in second and third terms of 1953, two of the three weekly lectures in one of my subjects were four-o'clocks. This meant that I could attend only one lecture out of three each week. Frequently other part-timers experience similar difficulties, and these make it pretty tough going to get through the exams. Yet I have not heard a great outcry from the part-timers affected, demanding the changing of the timetable from the hours most suitable to the majority of the class - nor do they expect the lecturers (who do indeed work very long hours) to repeat lectures for their benefit.

Imagine how the wingers of the full-timers sound to us, when we know that they have no restrictions or other demands on their time, that they are free to attend lectures at any hour without complains from their employers, and they don't have to work overtime to make up for hours taken off (when granted) to attend classes.

The position as it appears to the part-timer is :

- (1) Full-timers have little to complain about if their only worry is having to attend evening lectures.
- (2) Full-timers at present constitute less than 5% of the total college enrolment, and have no right to demand attention to their "needs and wishes" - however important to themselves - at the expense of overworking the present small teaching staff.
- (3) Talk of "increasing student life" is meaningless when the full-timers number about a dozen. At the moment, I feel evening lectures encourage students to drop in to student functions at 8 or 9 o'clock after classes, more than they would if they had to make an effort to come out after dinner at night.
- (4) It would seem that full-timers, whose greatest winge is going without an evening meal, would be better employed putting up representations for cafeteria facilities, than slinging mud when they are told they cannot have day lectures in certain subjects.
- (5) Full-timers give the impression that they consider themselves a race apart, entitled to special privileges, simply because they are in the fortunate position of being able to attend University without having to work during the day to pay their own fees and to pay for their own keep.

This last point rings a note of envy which is genuinely felt by most part-timers, who would very much like to be able to give all their time to their studies. I am sure that we would cheerfully attend lectures at midnight if necessary, if we were studying under similar conditions.

Be thankful for what you have, full-timers, and let's not have any more of these petulant complaints from you!

VALERIE EDWARDS.  
PART-TIME ARTS.

Sir,

I am pained to see that, with the apparent guilelessness which distinguishes all those who wish to suppress free speech and encourage sectarian bitterness, you have allowed yourself to be duped into publishing a letter in support of the vicious industrial groups; a patent forgery over my name.

It should have been quite clear to anyone that this smear was not in fact my work, as it is well known that I was educated in the Orange High School, and that while at Melbourne University I six times attempted to change my surname by deed-poll, being prevented only by the machinations of the Keon-Mullens gang of misguided demagogues. It has even been alleged, not, I must admit, with any factual foundation, that I was the originator of my old school war-cry "There's no salvation outside the Army".

As a practising Seventh-Day Calethumpian I have been greatly embarrassed by the letter, and our Young Men's Chapter has removed me from its treasurership, thereby causing me no little financial difficulty. I am sure that, with the sympathy which characterizes all champions of liberty and toleration, you will understand my simulated grief, and permit me through your columns to state that,

I remain,

JOHN L. CARROLL,  
Science III.  
(Half-Time).

We asked our roving reporter to gather a few comments on the newly sworn-at S.R.C. A number of notorious identities were asked the question "What do you think of the new S.R.C.?, with these results :

President Carollary : Yes I do. Have another passionfruit pip".

Professor Shan't : Having regard to the cyclical nature of this phenomena, we may say that all things remaining equal, unless it does a bad job it may very well do a good one. For the moment we may ignore any complexities that may arise in the course of this conversation."

Mr. Ted Told me : "As a lawyer I find it satisfactory. Do you follow me, Mr. Reporter"?

John Chook : "Oh, no, no, no".

Mr. Shaker : "Give me a week and I'll write to the Times about it".

Prof. Soap : "In the delicate artistry and deep thought behind the balance of full-time students and part-time students the Students Representation Council contains unmistakable signs of the influence of the moderns, particularly T.R. Ellis."

Revue Man Riphard: "What? That's good! We'll have that!"

Prof. Wheelintime : "No comment".

Dr. Bangdown : "Why sure, it's a mighty fine crowd. Must ask them along for a cuppa carfee; after all they are stoo-dents. Who's the throwback?"

Malcolm Fell : "What are they going to do with the bomb the last S.R.C. purchased by snide and underhand methods?"

Mr.K.J. Teeth : "Your oral communication of the 20th inst. concerning the election of the 1955/6 S.R.C. is to hand. The matter is under constant consideration and you will be informed of our reply in due course."

Ian A. Sander : "Oh goodie, let's buy a house!"



STOP PRESS :

Bert was so taken with the Revue he asked if he could have copies of the script and songs to show his Parliamentary mates.

We hear a certain two-tone gentleman has now begun to lock his Lizzy.

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